

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Supplemental Amendment is submitted in response to comments made by Examiner Alexander in the January 24, 2008 interview with Applicants' undersigned representative. Claim 17 is amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 24 and claim 24 is canceled. Claims 17, 22-23, 27-28 and 30-36 are pending.

Examiner Alexander said that he was initially struck by the relative simplicity of base claim 17. The undersigned pointed out that claim 17 contains a number of functional limitations in addition to the three-layer structure on which the Examiner had initially focused. The undersigned explained that Applicants are entitled to claim functional limitations that impact the claimed structure, such as "the flexible compartment layer can be separated from the glass plates substantially free of damage and without loss of form".

While no agreement to allow the claims was reached, Examiner Alexander suggested that claim 17 would be in a better position for allowance if it incorporated more structural features. In particular, he suggested incorporating the limitations of claim 24 into claim 17 because he deemed the lack of an adhesive to be a structural limitation. This Amendment adopts that suggestion.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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